

A list of the genus *Eurema* (Pieridae) collected  
in the Santa Marta Mountains and its  
vicinity, Colombia, South America

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Una lista del género *Eurema*, Pieridae, colecciónado en Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta y su vecindad, Colombia,  
América del Sur

The genus *Eurema* is distributed mainly in the tropical region of the world, and about 50 species of that genus are found in the New World, from North to South America. The author reports a list of *Eurema* collected in the Santa Marta Mountains (Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta) and its vicinity, the northern part of Colombia, South America, by the 1st Scientific Expedition of Shizuoka University to the Colombian Andes, 1967. The specimens have been preserved in the collection of Faculty of Science, Shizuoka University.

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**1. *Eurema proterpia proterpia* FABRICIUS**

1♀, near Juan Mina, Atlántico, 11. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♂1♀, near Juan Mina, Atlántico, 14. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Caracoli~Aguas Blancas, Magdalena, 6. viii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, El Carmen, Río Piedras, Magdalena, 25. viii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI.

The species *E. proterpia* is seen in pastures and dry fields with cactaceous plants, around the SMM (Santa Marta Mountains).

**2. *Eurema gundlachia* POEY**

2♀♀, near Juan Mina, Atlántico, 11. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♂, near Juan Mina, Atlántico, 14. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO.

The species *E. gundlachia* is seen in pastures and dry fields in the tropical area accompanied with *E. proterpia proterpia*.

**3. *Eurema xanthochlora xanthochlora* KOLLAR**

1♂, Minca~Mirasol, Magdalena, 10. vii, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♂1♀, San Lorenzo, Magdalena, 11. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂1♀, San Lorenzo, Magdalena, 15. vii, coll. T. SUGIMOTO.

The species *E. xanthochlora* was found in the forestside of mountainous zone on the north-western slope of the SMM.

**4. *Eurema mexicana bogotana* FELDER**

1♂, Chemesquemena~Donachúi, Magdalena, 26. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 3♂♂, Donachúi, Magdalena, 27. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO & M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂2♀♀, Donachúi, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♀, Donachúi, Magdalena, 2. vii, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♂, Donachúi, Magdalena, 3. vii, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♂, Donachúi~Sogrome, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Donachúi~Sogrome, Magdalena, 2. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI.

The species *E. mexicana* was found only in the Donachúi district, the south-eastern slope of the SMM. It is not seen in the tropical area.

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**5. *Eurema salome* FELDER**

2♂♂, Donachúi, Magdalena, 27. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 7♂♂, Donachúi, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO & M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Donachúi, Magdalena, 2. vii, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 3♂♂, Donachúi~Sogrome, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO & M. TAKAHASHI; 6♂♂, Donachúi~Sogrome, Magdalena, 2. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Sogrome~Sacaracungüe, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 3♂♂, Sogrome~Sacaracungüe, Magdalena, 2. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Sacaracungüe~La Nevadita, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 3♂♂1♀, Sacaracungüe~La Nevadita, Magdalena, 29. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂1♀, La Nevadita, Río Donachúi, Magdalena, 29. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 2♂♂, La Nevadita~Melloaca, Magdalena, 29. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Melloaca, the upper stream of Donachúi river, Magdalena, 30. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI.

The species *E. salome* was found also in the Donachúi district. It inhabits higher altitude than *E. mexicana bogotana*, even in 3,000m in altitude, and flies more rapidly than other species of *Eurema*. The author observed many males visiting excrements of animals, and a female laying eggs on leaves of a leguminous plant.

**6. *Eurema agave* CRAMER**

1♂1♀, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 5. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO & M. TAKAHASHI.

The species *E. agave* was found only in the dry waste land of Barranquilla, accompanied with *E. graticosa* and *E. venusta limbia*.

**7. *Eurema albula* CRAMER**

4♂♂1♀, Chemesquemena, Río Guatapuri, Magdalena, 8. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO & M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Donachúi, Magdalena, 27. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Donachúi, Magdalena, 2. vii, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 5♂♂1♀, La Esmeralda, Río Piedras, Magdalena, 28. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 2♂♂, Río Mendiquaca, Magdalena, 29. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Quebrada Manzanares, Río Piedras, Magdalena, 31. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 2♂♂, Quebrada Constante, Río Piedras, Magdalena, 1. viii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Quebrada Cinto, near Río Piedras, Magdalena, 2. viii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Quebrada Santa Teresa, Río Piedras, Magdalena, 3. viii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, San Isidro de la Sierra, Río Piedras, Magdalena, 23. viii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, El Mico, Magdalena, 5. ix, coll. M. TAKAHASHI.

The species *E. albula* inhabits the forest and forestside of the tropical area, but rare in the open field.

**8. *Eurema phiale phiale* CRAMER**

3♂♂, Chemesquemena, Río Guatapuri, Magdalena, 8. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO & M. TAKAHASHI; 2♂♂, Chemesquemena, Río Guatapuri, Magdalena, 25. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂1♀, Chemesquemena~Donachúi, Magdalena, 26. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO & M. TAKAHASHI; 4♂♂2♀♀, Donachúi, Magdalena, 27. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Donachúi, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♂1♀, Donachúi~Sogrome, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Donachúi~Sogrome, Magdalena, 2. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI.

The species *E. phiale* was commonly found in the Donachúi district, accompanied with *E. mexicana bogotana*. It inhabits the sunny forestside.

**9. *Eurema graticosa* DOUBLEDAY & HEWITSON**

1♂, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 2. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♀, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 4. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 6. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 2♂♂, Chemesquemena, Río Guatapuri, Magdalena, 8. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Chemesquemena~Donachúi, Magdalena, 26. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Donachúi, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♀, Jeréz del Río, Guajira, 21. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, San Isidro de la Sierra, Río Piedras, Magdalena, 23. viii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI.

The species *E. graticosa* was commonly found in the field and pastures of the tropical area, usually accompanied with *E. venusta limbia*.

Table 1. Collected numbers of *Eurema* in each locality

species	locality	altitude (m)	north-ern foot of SMM	n-western slope of SMM	western slope of SMM	the south-eastern slope of the Santa Marta Mountains						the vicinity of the SMM of individuals							
			P D-M	M N-S L	M C	A T	C H	D-S G	S G-S C	S C-N	N-ML	ML	B Q-J M-P C	C R	A S-J R				
			50~550	650~	500~	700	750	1150~	1300~	1600~	1900~	2150	2460~	2800~	2800~	3300	0~100	100~150	20~50
<i>E. proterpia</i>			1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—
<i>E. gundlachia</i>			—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>E. xanthochlora xanthochlora</i>			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
<i>E. mexicana bogotana</i>			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
<i>E. salome</i>			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33
<i>E. agave</i>			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
<i>E. albula</i>			14	—	—	1	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
<i>E. phiale phiale</i>			—	—	—	—	—	—	7	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
<i>E. gratiosa</i>			1	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
<i>E. venusta limbia</i>			—	2	—	1	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
<i>E. leuce</i>			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
<i>E. daira</i>			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
<i>E. elathea</i>			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
numbers of species			4	2	2	1	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	148

P D : Río Piedras

A T : Atanquez

M D : Río Mendiguaca

M N : Minca

S L : San Lorenzo

M C : El Mico

ML : Melloaca

B Q : Barranquilla

J M : near Juan Mina

S G : Sogrome

S C : Sacaracungüe

N : La Nevadita

C R : Caracoli

A S : Asunción

J R : Jerez del Río

D : Donachui

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**10. *Eurema venusta limbia* FELDER**

1♂, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 1. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 2♀♀, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 2. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 2♂3♀♀, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 5. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO & M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 6. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂2♀♀, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 20. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO & M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 21. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 18. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Chemesquemena~Donachuí, Magdalena, 26. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 2♂1♀, Donachuí, Magdalena, 27. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Donachuí~Sogrome, Magdalena, 28. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♀, San Lorenzo, Magdalena, 11. vii, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♀, Asunción, Guajira, 21. vii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, El Mico, Magdalena, 5. ix, coll. M. TAKAHASHI.

The species *E. venusta* is the commonest one of *Eurema* in the fields and pastures of the tropical area.

**11. *Eurema leuce* BOISDUVAL**

1♀, Barranquilla, Atlántico, 5. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, Atanquez, Magdalena, 8. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♀, Quebrada Cinto, near Río Piedras, Magdalena, 2. viii, coll. M. TAKAHASHI; 1♂, San Isidro de la Sierra, Río Piedras, Magdalena, 24. viii, coll. T. SUGIMOTO.

The species *E. leuce* inhabits the sunny forestside of the tropical area, but it was not commonly found.

**12. *Eurema daira eugenia* WALLENGREN**

2♂3♀♀, near Juan Mina, Atlántico, 11. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♂, near Juan Mina, Atlántico, 14. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO.

The species *E. daira* was found only in the pasture near Juan Mina, the south-west of Barranquilla, accompanied with *E. proterpia proterpia*, *E. gundlachia* and *E. elathea*.

**13. *Eurema elathea* CRAMER**

3♂3♀♀, near Juan Mina, Atlántico, 11. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♀, near Juan Mina, Atlántico, 14. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♂, Puerto Colombia, Atlántico, 13. vi, coll. T. SUGIMOTO; 1♀, Chemesquemena~Donachuí, Magdalena, 26. vi, coll. M. TAKAHASHI.

The species *E. elathea* inhabits the dry fields and pastures of the tropical area.

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**Resumen**

Se publica una lista con los datos y unas notas ecológicas de 13 especies del género *Eurema*, Pieridae, colecciónadas en Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta y su vecindad, los Departamentos del Magdalena, el Guajira y el Atlántico, Colombia, América del Sur, por la Expedición Científica a los Andes Colombianos de la Universidad de Shizuoka, 1967.

La mayoría de las especies del género *Eurema* se encuentra en las praderas y malezas de la región tropical. Podemos contar al menos 7 especies de este género en estas vegetaciones. Algunas especies, por ejemplo, *E. xanthochlora*, *E. mexicana bogotana*, *E. salome* y *E. phiale phiale* se observan en las zonas montanas subtropicales o templadas. La distribución vertical de *E. salome* alcanza a 3,000 m del nivel del mar. *E. albula* vive principalmente en los bosques húmedos tropicales y sus alrededores, aunque no se encuentra en las praderas y malezas extensas.

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Plate 1



